

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~13 further including the step of storing enhanced image processing parameters with the source digital image as meta-data.
- 3.-11. (Canceled)
12. (Currently Amended) The method of said claim ~~1~~13 wherein one of selected rendered digital images is selected at least twice and the enhanced image processing parameters associated with the selected rendered digital images are a function of the number of times of said at least twice selected rendered digital images is selected.
13. (Previously Presented) A method for deriving enhanced image processing parameters for a source digital image, comprising the steps of:
  - a) providing a source digital image;
  - b) generating at least three rendered digital images from the source digital image with at least one image processing parameter associated with each rendered digital image;
  - c) displaying the rendered digital images on a display;
  - d) selecting two or more of the rendered digital images;
  - e) using the image processing parameters associated with the rendered digital images to generate enhanced image processing parameters, including a compressed tone scale function wherein different regions of an enhanced image have different brightness ranges; and
  - f) displaying a message on the display indicating that one selection of a rendered digital relates to the main subject of the source digital image and

another selection of a rendered digital image relates to the background of the source digital image.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~13, further including the step of selecting a mode button on the display before each selection of a rendered digital image.

15.-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A method for generating an enhanced digital image from a source digital image, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a source digital image;
- b) generating at least three rendered digital images from the source digital image with at least one image processing parameter associated with each rendered digital image;
- c) displaying the rendered digital images on a display;
- d) selecting two or more of the rendered digital images;
- e) using the image processing parameters associated with the rendered digital images to generate an enhanced digital image from said source digital image, wherein said enhanced digital image has a compressed tone scale function wherein different regions of said enhanced image have different brightness ranges; and
- f) displaying a message on the display indicating that one selection of a rendered digital relates to the main subject of the source digital image and another selection of a rendered digital image relates to the background of the source digital image.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~22, further including the step of selecting a mode button on the display before each selection of a rendered digital image.

24.-34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~24~~36 wherein one of selected rendered digital images is selected at least twice and the enhanced image processing parameters associated with the selected rendered digital images are a function of the number of times of said at least twice selected rendered digital images.

36. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for deriving enhanced image processing parameters for a source digital image, comprising:

- a) means for providing a source digital image;
- b) means for generating at least three rendered digital images from the source digital image with at least one image processing parameter associated with each rendered digital image;
- c) means for displaying the rendered digital images on a display;
- d) means for selecting two or more of the rendered digital images;
- e) means for using the image processing parameters associated with the rendered digital images to generate enhanced image processing parameters, including a compressed tone scale function wherein different regions of an enhanced image have different brightness ranges; and
- f) means for displaying a message on the display indicating that one selection of a rendered digital relates to the main subject of the source digital image and another selection of a rendered digital image relates to the background of the source digital image.

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~24~~36, further including means for selecting a mode button on the display before each selection of a rendered digital image.

38.-43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~38~~45 wherein one of selected rendered digital images is selected at least twice and the enhanced image processing parameters associated with the selected rendered digital images

are a function of the number of times of said at least twice selected rendered digital images.

45. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for generating an enhanced digital image from a source digital image, comprising:

- a) means for providing a source digital image;
- b) means for generating at least three rendered digital images from the source digital image with at least one image processing parameter associated with each rendered digital image;
- c) means for displaying the rendered digital images on a display;
- d) means for selecting two or more of the rendered digital images;
- e) means for using the image processing parameters associated with the rendered digital images to generate an enhanced digital image from said source digital image, wherein said enhanced digital image has a compressed tone scale function and wherein different regions of said enhanced image have different brightness ranges; and
- f) means for displaying a message on the display indicating that one selection of a rendered digital relates to the main subject of the source digital image and another selection of a rendered digital image relates to the background of the source digital image.

46. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~38~~45, further including means for selecting a mode button on the display before each selection of a rendered digital image.

47.-70. (Canceled)